

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A recording medium disc storage case in combination with a disc having a central hole comprising:

 a holding plate for covering a side of said disc, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

 a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion configured to open and close said storage case,

 wherein said holding portion having a top surface which defines a clearance from said cover member of less than a thickness dimension of said disc when said cover member is in a closed position, and said holding plate and said cover member have respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26 28, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely, and a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 26 28, wherein said cover member comprises opposed side walls of said storage case, each of

said side walls comprises at least two label holding claw projecting therefrom, and said cover member defines a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising:
a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and
a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein said storage case has a thickness not greater than 6 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate, and said holding plate and said cover member comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member or defines a clearance less than said thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 33 (Canceled).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely and wherein a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 31, wherein said cover member comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls comprises at least two label holding claw projecting therefrom, and said cover member comprises communication aperture extending through a thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 31, wherein said holding plate is formed with a peripheral wall centrally split by a predetermined spacing and a central indentation at the location where the peripheral wall is split, and said cover member is formed with a peripheral wall having a central portion being adapted to fit the central indentation of the holding plate when the cover member is in its closed position.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): A recording medium disc storage case comprising: a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein said holding plate and said cover member comprise respective abutting portions which directly abut each other when said cover

member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 38-39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising: a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member formed separately from said holding plate and pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion, wherein a thickness between a rear surface of said holding plate and a top surface of said holding portion is not greater than 4 mm, and said holding plate and said cover member comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): A recording medium disc storage case as set forth in claim 40, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member defining a clearance less than said thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising: a holding plate for covering a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member formed separately from said holding plate and pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion, wherein a thickness between a rear surface of said holding plate and a top surface of said holding portion is not greater than 4 mm, and The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said holding plate and said cover member comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely and a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 40, wherein said cover member comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls comprises at least two label holding claw projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member comprises a communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): A recording medium disc storage case, comprising: a holding plate configured to cover a side of a recording medium disc having a central hole, said holding plate having a holding portion to be removably fitted into said central hole of said disc; and

a cover member pivotally supported on said holding plate through a hinge portion for opening and closing said storage case, wherein said storage case has a thickness of 5.2 mm when said cover member is closed over the holding plate, and said holding plate and said cover member comprise respective abutting portions which abut each other when said cover member is opened 180° relative to said holding plate to maintain the open condition and which are configured to allow said holding plate and cover member to further pivot relative to each other when a force is exerted to open said cover member further from said 180° open condition.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said holding portion has a top surface which abuts an inner surface of said cover member defining a clearance less than a thickness of said disc therebetween when said cover member is closed over said holding plate.

Claim 47 (Canceled).

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said cover member is larger than said holding plate so as to cover said holding plate completely, and a hinge member is located exclusively at opposite side portions of said cover member to pivotally hinge said cover member to said holding plate.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The recording medium disc storage case of claim 45, wherein said cover member comprises opposed peripheral walls of said storage case, each of said peripheral walls comprises at least two label holding claw projecting from a peripheral wall of said cover member, and said cover member defines communication aperture extending through the thickness thereof to open the label holding claws.

Claim 50-53 (Canceled).